

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 62

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Michael Reid Bodiford of Bolivar.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Michael Reid Bodiford, an exemplary gentleman who displayed true community leadership as a banker and humanitarian and is most fondly remembered for being an incredible husband, father, and friend; and

WHEREAS, born on January 25, 1954, in Ripley, Mississippi, Mike Bodiford was the firstborn child of Beverly Bodiford and the late Clice Bodiford; he spent his childhood in Middleton, Tennessee, and after graduating from high school, he attended Jackson State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bodiford served ably in the banking industry in various capacities; he began his career as a banker at Hardeman County Savings Bank and ended it as vice president of the Bank of Fayette County. His pleasing demeanor was a genuine reflection of the man inside, and his outstanding personality, coupled with his pure talent, contributed greatly to the success of his career; and

WHEREAS, during his years in community banking, Mike Bodiford served as a member of the board of directors and sat on the loan committee; he was also ranked the second highest producer in rural market lending; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bodiford was a sportsman who inherited his enjoyment of the great outdoors from his father; his devotion to his family was unparalleled, and he took an active approach to passing along the many lessons he gleaned from his father to his children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife and best friend, Janice McKinnie Bodiford, whom he married in 1974; their blessed union produced two sons, Michael "Jace" Bodiford and Collin Reid Bodiford; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his mother, wife, and sons, Mr. Bodiford is survived by his daughter-in-law, Kristin Bodiford; grandchildren, William Jace Bodiford, Trey Michael Bodiford, and Olivia Joe Bodiford; siblings, Sherry Kuroda, Cindy Hines, Lana Martin, and Clice "Bo" (Bridgette) Bodiford; and brothers-in-law, Mike (Lori) McKinnie and Lynn (Penny) McKinnie; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his nieces and nephews, Jesse Bass, Whitney Bass, Savannah Watkins, Brian Lee, Brett Martin, Derrick Kuroda, Lauren Drewery, Tyler Bodiford, Dillon Bodiford, Carson Bodiford, Laura McKinnie, Duncan (Anna) McKinnie, Kaleb McKinnie, Clint (Erin) McKinnie, and Steve McKinnie; and

WHEREAS, Mike Bodiford leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Michael Reid Bodiford, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bodiford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.